

Office of Economic Development
EDAB Local Redevelopment Authority Subcommittee
MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 26, 2010 7:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brian Campbell, Chair
Rich Adams
Roc Arnett
Jeff Crockett
Jim LeCheminant
Steve Parker

STAFF PRESENT

William Jabjiniak
Patrick Murphy
Sunnee Spencer

1. Chair's Call To Order

Chairman Brian Campbell called the meeting of the EDAB Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) Subcommittee to order at 7:30 a.m. at the Mesa City Plaza Building, 20 E. Main Street, Suite 200, Mesa, Arizona 85201.

2. Items from Citizens Present

None

3. Discussion regarding status of the Notice of Interest (NOI's) submittals received on October 12, 2010

Mr. Murphy informed those present that the LRA received one timely submittal from ASU in partnership with Alion Science and Technology. At this time, staff and our consultant, Ernest Swiger Consulting, are reviewing the NOI. Discussion ensued regarding the next steps, specifically, how the Redevelopment Plan will discuss the contents of the submittal.

4. Discussion regarding interim steps for the former Air Force Research Lab

Mr. Murphy discussed how the AFRL is scheduled to close by September 15, 2011. However, the AFRL may begin relocation efforts in March/April 2011. The LRA wishes to obtain a property interest in the Air Force facility in order to be in a position to facilitate a smooth transition from the Air Force to non federal sector uses. The facility presently houses highly classified missions and the LRA intends to ensure that the facility maintain the classified security infrastructure so that future users of the site may continue to perform highly classified government work.

One of our concerns with the AFRL is that without the "security clearance" the property

will be extremely difficult to reuse. In addition, without the "security clearance" it will be unlikely to meet our vision for the facility.

We have hired Barry Steinberg of Kutak Rock to represent the LRA by assisting it in the transition process as the Air Force departs, equipment is removed and the City obtains a property right in advance of the transfer of title to the LRA.

Next Steps:

- Continuation of the preparation of the Redevelopment Plan and Homeless Submission Report

We are working expeditiously with our consultant, Ernest Swiger Consulting, to complete the Redevelopment Plan and Homeless Submission Report. There will be a Local Redevelopment Authority meeting on November 18, 2010 to discuss an update on the status of these efforts.

5. Other business

None

6. Adjournment

Chair Campbell adjourned the meeting at 8:45 A.M.

Submitted By:

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(Prepared by Patrick Murphy)